

TALENT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK



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KENT CRICKET'S PLAYER PATHWAY

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**KNOW
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(Professional Cricket)

UNDERSTAND

the game (EPP, U18 & Academy)

LEARN

the game (U13 to U15)

LOVE

the game (Area Programme to u13)

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'LOVE' FRAMEWORK

“I've loved playing for Kent since I was 6. I've loved every minute of it, and am always looking forward to when I can next pull on a Kent jersey.

The Pathway has contributed massively to my love of the game.”

Dan Bell-Drummond

'LEARN' FRAMEWORK

“Learning is such an important part of cricket and I am constantly looking for new ways to develop my game. Kent's Pathway is a great place to learn cricket and I am delighted I had, and still have, the opportunity to play and learn my game at Kent.”

Ollie Robinson

'UNDERSTAND' FRAMEWORK

“It is vital to understand your own game and the Pathway environment enabled me to do just that. I am able to score runs as a professional because of the deep understanding I have of my own game.”

Zak Crawley

'KNOW' YOUR GAME

“One of the biggest improvements in my game over the years has been the increase in my self-awareness and knowledge. Both of which has enabled me to Know my game inside out. This process was started and facilitated by the Kent Pathway from day one.”

Sam Billings



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LOVE FRAMEWORK

	TECHNICAL	TACTICAL	MENTAL	PHYSICAL
BATTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solid set-up - Score both sides of the wicket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Different scoring options - Defence and attack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making good decisions - Batting partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Running the bat in - Running between the wickets
SEAM BOWLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good alignment - Legal delivery - Safe repeatable action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bowling to a field - Setting a field for your best delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commit to the next ball and the plan - Positive mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic Running technique - Arms and legs drive - Ability to jump
SPIN BOWLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good alignment - Legal delivery - Safe repeatable action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bowling to a field - Setting a field for your best delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commit to the next ball and the plan - Positive mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rhythmical run up
FIELDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic catching, gathering and throwing styles - Good movement patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angles in the field - Aggressive, attacking lines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fielding practice - Want the ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Running, diving, and turning mechanics



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LEARN YOUR GAME

	TECHNICAL	TACTICAL	MENTAL	PHYSICAL
BATTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Score of the front and back foot - Play all sweeps - Cut and pull - Protect your stumps - Boundary options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manipulate the field - Pay attention when playing (rephrase - learn by watching the game?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survive and thrive against the short ball - Hit the gaps - Learn and develop pre game and ball routines - Emotional control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bat for long periods - Good physical behaviours - The added performance value of S&C and nutrition
SEAM BOWLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary stock ball - Variations - Linear movements with arms and knees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field changes for different balls - Your plan B and field setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn and develop pre game and ball routines - Bowling under pressure in all phase's and formats - Positive Body Language and Mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed, power, stamina and flexibility - The added performance value of S&C and nutrition
SPIN BOWLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn your action - One good variation - Develop a pace range - Present a good seam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field changes for different balls - Your plan B and field setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn and develop pre game and ball routines - Bowling under pressure in all phase's and formats - Positive Body Language and Mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed, power, stamina and flexibility - The added performance value of S&C and nutrition
FIELDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Different catching, gathering and throwing techniques - Split-stepping - Natural diving techniques - Slip catching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read the game, batsmen and conditions - Impact the game positively by supporting the captain and bowlers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deal with mistakes - Switch on and off - Focus one ball at a time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase speed, diving range and throwing range

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UNDERSTAND YOUR GAME

	TECHNICAL	TACTICAL	MENTAL	PHYSICAL
BATTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survive and thrive against pace, spin, and swing - Transfer weight against pace, spin and swing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 360 batsman - Score runs through field manipulation - Deny, dictate and dominate - Survive and thrive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental strength - Decision making under fatigue and pressure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stamina to bat for long periods - Power to hit boundaries
SEAM BOWLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using the crease and angles - Understand your action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your best ball and field for each play - Read the game, batsmen and conditions - Bowl in all phases and formats - When to use variations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Problem solving - Resilience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand Workload management - Professional behaviours - Speed, power, stamina and flexibility
SPIN BOWLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional variations - Expand pace range - Use of crease – over and round, wide and close - Ability to bowl in all phases and formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our role in different game phases and formats - Reading batsmen - When to use variations - Setting up batsmen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Problem solving - Resilience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional behaviours - Speed, power, stamina and flexibility
FIELDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excel in the inner ring and boundary riding - Slide, pick up and release - Specialist positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hunting in packs - Assessing batsmen, conditions and game situations - Importance of angles in the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concentrate for long periods - Creating energy in the field - Own your zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nutrition impacts your performance. - Concentrate for long periods



KNOW YOUR GAME

	TECHNICAL	TACTICAL	MENTAL	PHYSICAL
BATTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify length - A consistent 360 player, against seam and spin - Survive and thrive against the short ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to manipulate the gaps against seam and spin - know the oppositions game plans and threats - Know your strengths and weaknesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay in the moment - Emotional control on and off the field - Deliberate practice - Critical Moment Control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to bat for 90+ overs - Clarity of thinking and quality of execution under fatigue - Power to hit sixes
SEAM BOWLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action refinement - Additional variations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your best play in any given situation - Think outside the box - Proactive not reactive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can do attitude - Willing to practice outside the box - Critical Moment Control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Know workload management - Your professional behaviours
SPIN BOWLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action refinement - Ability to deceive batsmen through the air and off the pitch - Excellent fielder off own bowling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Know your best play in any given situation. - Think outside the box - Reading the game - Proactive not reactive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can do attitude - Create theatre - Willing to practice outside the box - Strong enough to deliver long spells - Critical Moment Control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strong enough to deliver long spells - Professional behaviours
FIELDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Throw powerfully and accurately from a variety of ranges and angles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anticipate - Read batsman's shape of shot - Hunting in packs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calm under pressure - Enjoy fielding practice - Own your zone - Do something extraordinary - Critical Moment Control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent movement competency - Fast feet



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WICKET-KEEPING

	LOVE	LEARN	UNDERSTAND	KNOW
TECHNICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Different types of safe catching methods - Awareness of head, hands and feet movement - Throwing technique - Run scoring batting technique 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To catch balls consistently - A natural diving technique - To be able to throw safely and accurately - To be a run scorer in the top 6 of your county age group side - Catching with either hand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect throws from the outfield cleanly - Consistent run scorer in all formats - Alignment to different bowlers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catching reliably under pressure from bowlers and fielders - Dive naturally both ways - Throw safely with speed and accuracy - Fulfil a major role in the batting order - Collecting a wobbling ball cleanly and safely
TACTICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge when to stand back or stand up - Basic field settings knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy and Enthusiasm in the field - Impact the game tactically by supporting captain, bowlers & fielders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessing batsmen, conditions and game situations - Importance of angles in the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Command a presence on the field - Read the game
MENTAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Love for the game and skill development - Focus one ball at a time - Confidence to stand up to the stumps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goal setting - Pre game and pre delivery routines - Deal with failure - Remove all distractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be a leader on the field - Deal with pressure - Concentrate over long periods - Managing your mental workload - Expect every ball to come to you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your strengths - Your role and expectations - Your personal game plan for success
PHYSICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality of movement, strength & flexibility - Footwork patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold posture when standing up and back - Move quickly from side to side and forwards/backwards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nutrition impacts your performance - Managing your physical workload - Concentrate over long periods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold your posture when standing up and back - Meet elite performance standards



KENT CRICKET FIRST TEAM PHILOSOPHY

CHAMPIONSHIP:

- Embrace the challenge of setting the game up for our middle order
- Absorb pressure to create pressure
- Take wickets through consistency and discipline
- Relentless energy to create pressure

50-OVER:

- Out-bat the opposition with exceptional versatility, power and depth
- Make run-scoring as difficult as possible for the opposition
- Apply pressure in partnerships with bat and ball
- Aggressive wicket-taking fielders
- Masters of variation and wicket-taking threat up front

T20:

- Out-bat the opposition with exceptional versatility, power and depth
- Take wickets in all phases with a variety of threatening options
- Aggressive wicket-taking fielders
- Everyone capable of being a match-winner



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