

## Playing in Open Age Matches

ECRC is very proud to promote and encourage the step up from junior to open age group cricket. ECRC believe it is a significant event in player's cricket experience and aim to ensure that the player's safety, personal development needs and overall cricket experience are considered.

- All captains representing ECRC will inform the umpires of any under 18's in their side.
- ECRC acknowledge that ECB Helmets, Fast Bowling Directives, and Fielding Regulations should always be adhered to for junior players in open age group cricket.

### Minimum Age

For a junior who is not in a county or area squad to play open age group cricket, all the following conditions must apply to them:

1. Reach the U13s age group
2. Be in year 8 at school
3. 12 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> September of the preceding year

### Duty of Care on Behalf of ECRC

ECRC aims not to place a young player in a position that involves an unacceptable risk. ECRC take into account the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the junior player.

In contrast, ECRC seeks not to create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally against adult players.

ECRC's objective is to provide an opportunity for juniors to show their talents in an appropriate way.